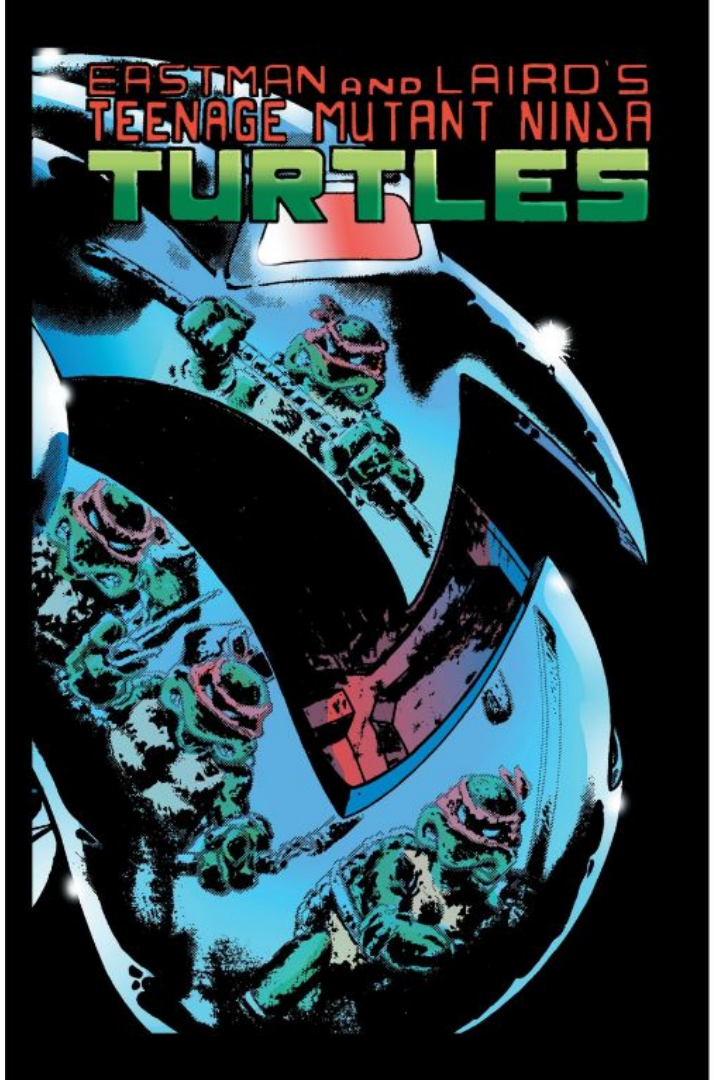
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KISS YOUR BUTT GOODBYE!!!
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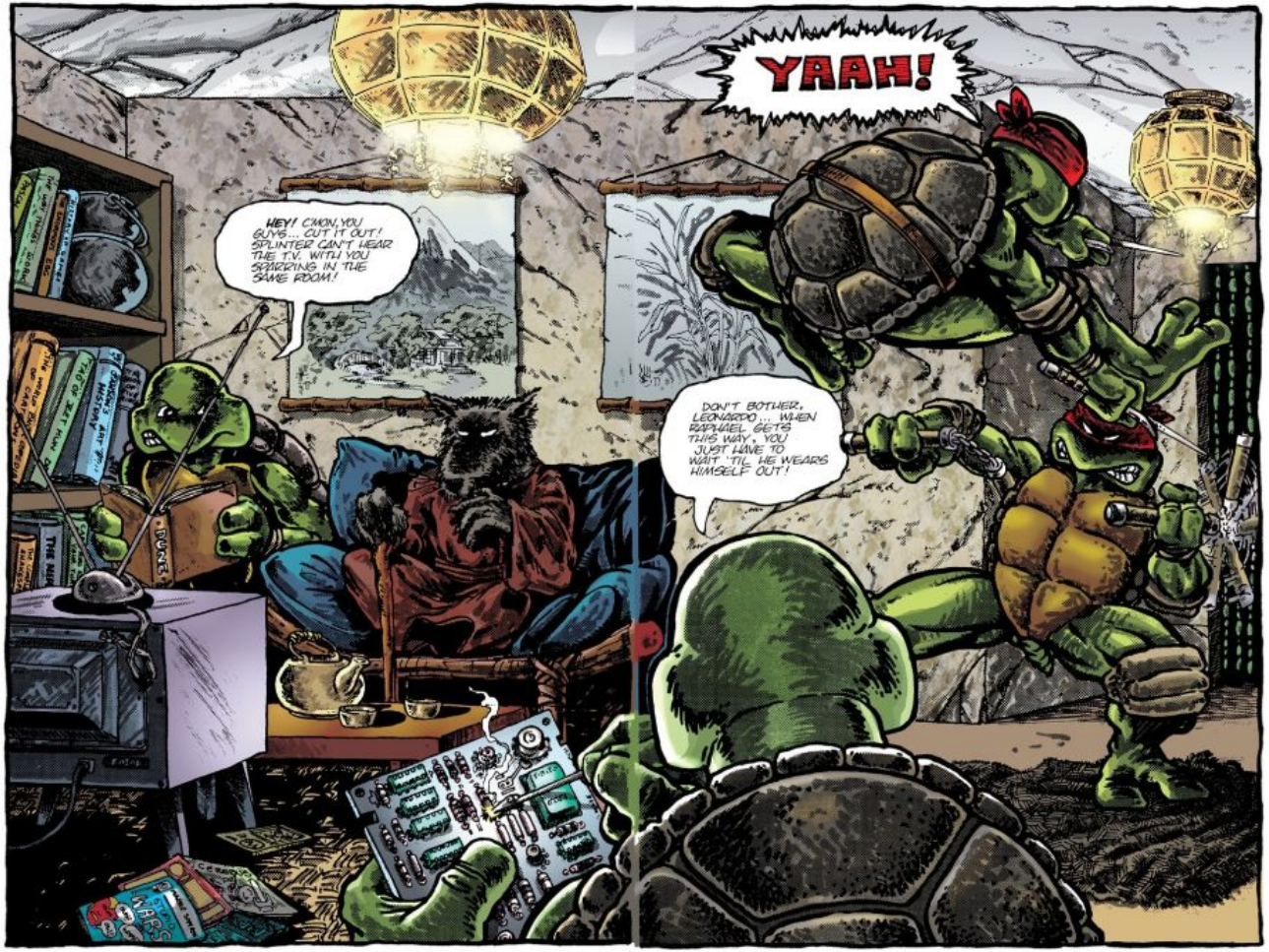
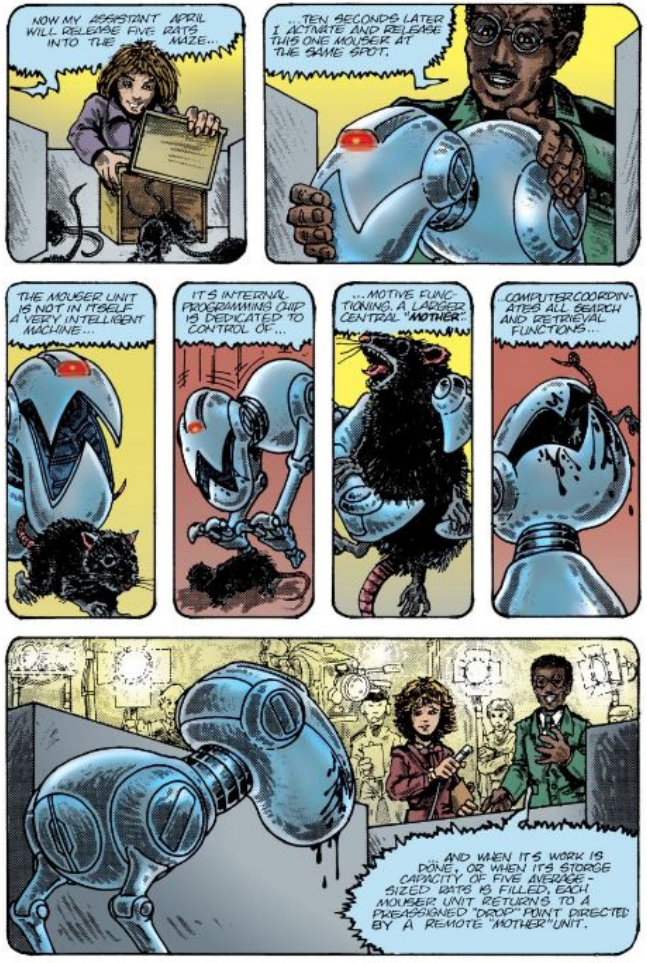
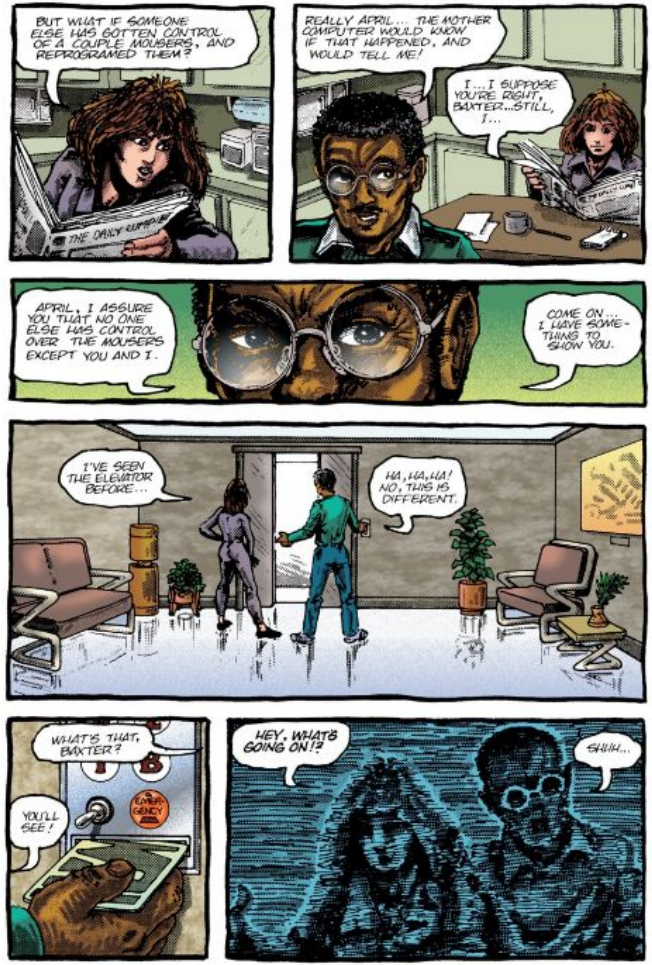

HEY! C'MON, YOU GUYS... CUT IT OUT! SPLINTER CAN'T HEAR THE TV, WITH YOU SPARRING IN THE SAME ROOM!
YAAH!
DON'T BOTHER, LEONARDO... WHEN RAPHAEL GETS THIS WAY, YOU JUST HAVE TO WAIT 'TIL HE WEARS HIMSELF OUT!

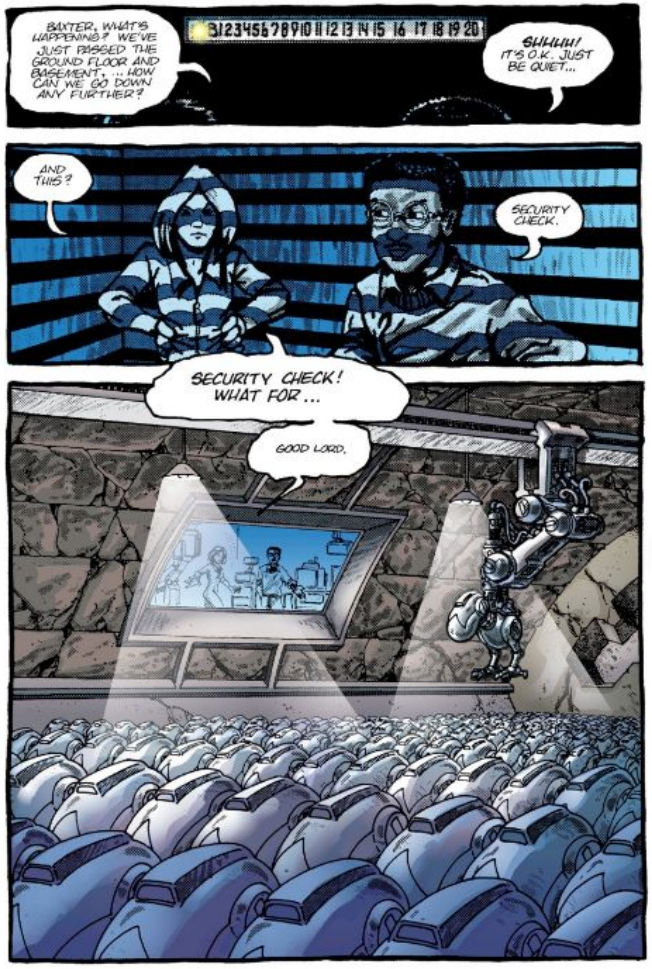
...AND MICHAELANGELO'S ALMOST AS BAD!
CRASH!
HMM, VERY BAD...
WHAT IS?
THIS NEWS PROGRAM... LISTEN, LEONARDO...
SO, DR. BAXTER STOCKMAN, YOU BELIEVE THAT THIS LITTLE... THING WILL SOLVE THE CITY'S RODENT PROBLEM?
THIS "LITTLE THING", MS. HYNES, IS A FULLY OPERATIONAL RODENT HUNTER/SEEKER/KILLER... WE LIKE TO REFER TO IT AS A "MOUSER"!
AS YOU CAN SEE, WE HAVE CONSTRUCTED THIS MAZE TO SIMULATE THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE MOUSER WILL OPERATE.


NOW MY ASSISTANT APRIL WILL RELEASE FIVE RATS INTO THE MAZE..
...TEN SECONDS LATER I ACTIVATE AND RELEASE THIS ONE MOUSER AT THE SAME SPOT.
THE MOUSER UNIT IS NOT IN ITSELF A VERY INTELLIGENT MACHINE...
IT'S INTERNAL PROGRAMMING CHIP IS DEDICATED TO CONTROL OF...
...MOTIVE FUNCTIONING, A LARGER CENTRAL "MOTHER".
...COMPUTER COORDINATES ALL SEARCH AND RETRIEVAL FUNCTIONS..
...AND WHEN IT'S WORK IS DONE, OR WHEN IT'S STORGE CAPACITY OF FIVE AVERAGE-SIZED RATS IS FILLED, EACH MOUSER UNIT RETURNS TO A PREASSIGNED "DROP" POINT DIRECTED BY A REMOTE "MOTHER" UNIT.

WELL DR. STOCKMAN, THIS MOUSER CERTAINLY MADE SHORT WORK OF THOSE FIVE RATS... JUST UNDER THREE MINUTES.
YES, MS. HYNES, APRIL AND I ARE QUITE CONFIDENT THAT THE CITY WILL FULLY RECOUP ITS INVESTMENT IN MY PROJECT WITH THE TOTAL ERADICATION OF...
THE RAT PROBLEM!
KRAH!!
YAAH!
OH, NO...
HAH!

SMASH!!!
OH NO, NOT ANOTHER PIECE OF FURNITURE?
SIGH...
MASTER, WHAT ABOUT THIS DR. STOCKMAN'S MOUSER?
WE MUST BE MORE CAUTIOUS FROM NOW ON, FOR ONE THING. HMM... LET ME THINK ON THIS A BIT!
I AM GOING TO MEDITATE. OH, AND RAPHAEL...
HELP MICHAELANGELO CLEAN UP THIS MESS!
SEVERAL WEEKS PASS... MANY RATS ARE CAUGHT BY DR. STOCKMAN'S "MOUSERS" ...BUT THE CITY ALSO EXPERIENCES A RASH OF BIZARRE BANK ROBBERIES.
LISTEN TO THIS BAXTER
...IT SAYS THAT THE POLICE WERE BAFFLED BY THESE BANK HEISTS...
... THEY CAN'T FIGURE OUT HOW THE VAULTS WERE TUNNELED INTO SO SWIFTLY AND NEATLY, THROUGH CONCRETE AND STEEL!
THE TUNNELS WERE SO NARROW ONLY A CHILD COULD HAVE CRAWLED THROUGH THEM!
... OR A VERY SMALL ADULT. APRIL, WHY ARE YOU BORING ME WITH THIS?
WELL, IT'S JUST THAT I'VE BEEN THINKING... THE MOUSER UNIT... THEY COULD HAVE DUG TUNNELS LIKE THAT, EASILY...
YES?
OH, COME NOW APRIL... WHY WOULD THE MOUSERS DIG HOLES IN BANK VAULTS? YOU HELPED PROGRAM THEM, REMEMBER?


BUT WHAT IF SOMEONE ELSE HAS GOTTEN CONTROL OF A COUPLE MOUSERS, AND REPROGRAMED THEM?
THE DAILY CUPPER
REALLY APRIL... THE MOTHER COMPUTER WOULD KNOW IF THAT HAPPENED, AND WOULD TELL ME!
I...I SUPPOSE YOU'RE RIGHT, BAXTER...STILL, I...
APRIL, I ASSURE YOU THAT NO ONE ELSE HAS CONTROL OVER THE MOUSERS EXCEPT YOU AND I.
COME ON... I HAVE SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU.
I'VE SEEN THE ELEVATOR BEFORE...
HA,HA,HA! NO, THIS IS DIFFERENT.
WHAT'S THAT, BAXTER?
EMERGENCY
YOU'LL SEE!
HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON!?
SHHH...


BAXTER, WHAT'S HAPPENING? WE'VE JUST PASSED THE GROUND FLOOR AND BASEMENT, ... HOW CAN WE GO DOWN ANY FURTHER?
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SHHHH! IT'S O.K. JUST BE QUIET...
AND THIS?
SECURITY CHECK.
SECURITY CHECK! WHAT FOR...
GOOD LORD.

WHERE DID YOU GET ALL OF THESE MOUSERS? THE CITY ONLY GAVE US ENOUGH FUNDS FOR TWO DOZEN...!
...AND THERE ARE MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED IN THIS ROOM! STILL MORE ARE BEING ASSEMBLED AS WE SPEAK!
TIC TIC
CHIT

BUT BAXTER, HOW DID YOU GET THE MONEY...
OH, NO...!
VERY GOOD, APRIL, VERY PERCEPTIVE. I WOULD HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTED AT ANYTHING LESS.

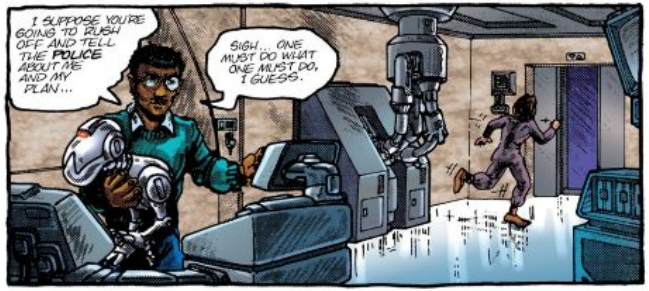
YES, THOSE RECENT BAFFLING BANK ROBBERIES ARE MY DOING!
WITH THE AID OF MY MOUSERS, I HAVE ALREADY STOLEN OVER $700,000!

OF COURSE, THAT IS ONLY THE BEGINNING. AT THIS MOMENT, HUNDREDS OF MOUSERS ARE TUNNELING THROUGHOUT THE CITY, UNDERMINING AND WEAKENING THE FOUNDATIONS OF CERTAIN LARGE AND IMPORTANT BUILDINGS!
BUT-- WHY?
WHEN THEY ARE NEARLY DONE, I'LL HOLD THE CITY FOR RANSOM... AND IF I'M REFUSED, I WILL ORDER MY MOUSERS TO FINISH THE EXCAVATION... AND THOSE BUILDINGS WILL FALL!
WHY, BAXTER? YOU COULD MAKE MILLIONS LEGALLY!

YOU'RE QUITE RIGHT, APRIL... THE MONEY IS ONLY AN INCIDENTAL..... A BY-PRODUCT.
I'M REALLY DOING IT BECAUSE IT'S FUN!! HAH, HAH, HA HAH!
I DON'T BELIEVE WHAT I'M HEARING! THIS JUST ISN'T THE DR. STOCKMAN I'VE WORKED WITH ALL THIS TIME!

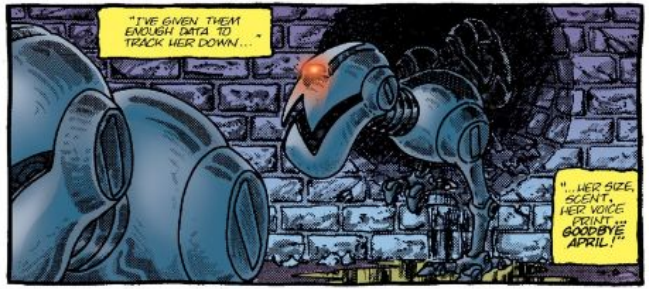
HA, HA, HA HAH, HAH!
HE'S IN HIS OWN WORLD RIGHT NOW... I'D BETTER MAKE A RUN FOR IT WHILE I CAN!

WELL IF YOU WANT TO BE THAT WAY, THEN GO! I DON'T NEED YOU!
I DON'T NEED ANYONE EXCEPT MY MOUSERS!


I SUPPOSE YOU'RE GOING TO RUSH OFF AND TELL THE POLICE ABOUT ME AND MY PLAN...
SIGH... ONE MUST DO WHAT ONE MUST DO, I GUESS.

OH, WAIT... I NEED THAT I.D. CARD TO WORK THE ELEVATOR...
BAXTER, WAIT!
SLAM!
NOOOO!
SORRY APRIL...
YOU MUST REALIZE I WON'T... CAN'T... HELP YOU TURN ME IN...
SO I'M MAKING IT A LITTLE MORE DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO LEAVE, BUT NOT IMPOSSIBLE. WATCH YOUR STEP!
HA, HA, HA!
DRAMATIC HUH? SORRY ABOUT THE...
...MUCKY WATER. BUT IT COLLECTS THERE AFTER IT RAINS!
AT LEAST IT ISN'T OVER YOUR HEAD!
BAXTER YOU SLIME PUPPY!

WELL I'M NOT GOING TO STAY HERE IN THIS FOUL SMELLING HOLE, AND THIS TUNNEL LOOKS LIKE THE ONLY WAY OUT!
YUCK! I HOPE THIS TUNNEL ENDS SOON...
HMM... IT LOOKS LIKE IT OPENS INTO A LARGER TUNNEL UP AHEAD!
NOW WHERE DO I GO FROM HERE?
IT REALLY DOESN'T MATTER
TRICKING YOU INTO THE STORMDRAIN TUNNELS HAS GIVEN ME THE TIME TO PROGRAM YOUR IMMINENT DEMISE...
HMM... HOW MANY SHOULD I SEND AFTER HER?
THREE? FIVE? TEN, MAYBE? NO... THREE WILL BE PLENTY!
HA, HA, HA! WHAT DELIGHTFUL IRONY! SLAIN BY THE VERY TECHNOLOGICAL MARVELS WHICH HER COMPUTER SKILLS MADE POSSIBLE!


"I'VE GIVEN THEM ENOUGH DATA TO TRACK HER DOWN..."
"...HER SIZE, SCENT, HER VOICE PRINT... GOODBYE, APRIL!"

HA HA HAH HAH

MEANWHILE...
IT'S SO DARK AND CREEPY IN HERE!
I HOPE I FIND A LADDER SOON!

EH?
WHAT'S THAT NOISE?

OH, NO...!

THE MOUSERS!!! THAT TWISTED BAXTER! HE'S TRYING TO KILL ME!!!
GOT TO RUN!

GOTTA GET AWAY FROM THEM!

WHAK!
SPTANG!
CHTAK!

I CAN'T...
DEAL WITH...
THIS$$$!!!

LATER...
...FAINTED, SPLINTER. THEN WE CARRIED HER, AND THE REMAINS OF THOSE THREE "MOUSERS" BACK HERE!
HMMM... I SUPPOSE YOUR UNEXPECTED APPEARANCE WAS QUITE A SHOCK TO HER SYSTEM.

OF COURSE, BEING CHASED THROUGH DARK TUNNELS BY A PACK OF BLOOD THIRSTY ROBOTS PROBABLY DIDN'T HELP...
SHE'S WAKING UP!
OHHH...
OHH!! SO... ...SO... YOU ARE REAL! I WASN'T IMAGINING YOU! WHERE AM I?
YOU ARE SAFE, YOUNG WOMAN...

...SAFE IN OUR HOME.
WH...WHO...?
MY NAME IS SPLINTER, AND YES, I AM A RAT. I AM ALSO THE TEACHER OF THESE TURTLES WHO RESCUED YOU...

...LEONARDO...
...DONATELLO...
...AND RAPHAEL!

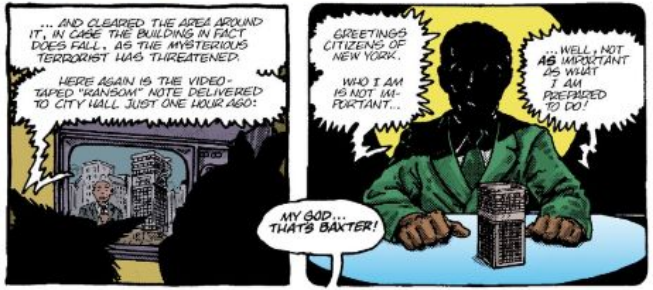
THERE IS ALSO MICHAEL ANGELO, WHO WAS HERE AT HOME.
HI!

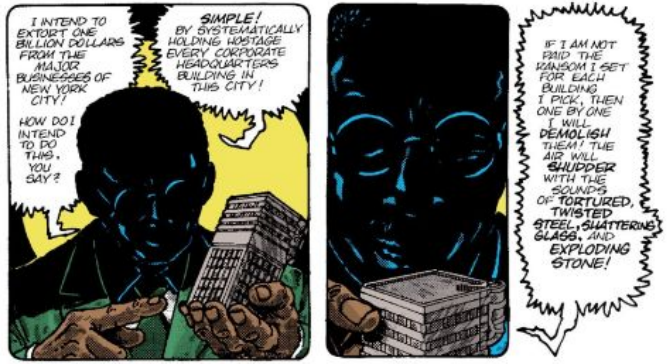
WELL... THANK YOU ALL FOR SAVING ME FROM THOSE ROBOTS. UH... JUST WHAT ARE YOU, AND WHERE DID YOU COME FROM, IF YOU DON'T MIND ME ASKING...?
NOT AT ALL! OUR'S IS A LONG STORY, THOUGH...

(FOR THE ORIGIN STORY OF SPLINTER AND THE TURTLES...
...SEE ISSUE #1 OF THE TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES.)

ONE HOUR LATER...
WHAT A FANTASTIC STORY!

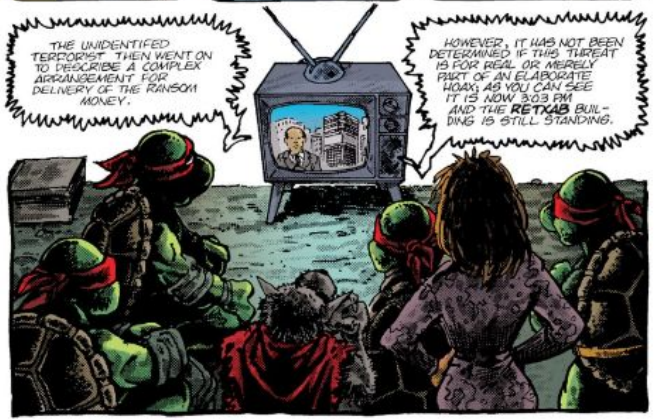
NOW THAT YOU'VE AVENGED YOUR MASTER AND DEFEATED THE SHREDDER... WHAT WILL YOU DO? WHAT PURPOSE WILL INSPIRE YOUR LIVES NOW?
THAT IS A VERY GOOD QUESTION, APRIL. IT DEPENDS MOSTLY ON WHAT MY STUDENTS...
MASTER SPLINTER! COME QUICK... THERE'S SOMETHING ON THE T.V. YOU SHOULD SEE!
...POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS HAVE EVACUATED THE BUILDING...


...AND CLEARED THE AREA AROUND IT, IN CASE THE BUILDING IN FACT DOES FALL, AS THE MYSTERIOUS TERRORIST HAS THREATENED.
HERE AGAIN IS THE VIDEO-TAPED "RANSOM" NOTE DELIVERED TO CITY HALL JUST ONE HOUR AGO:
GREETINGS CITIZENS OF NEW YORK.
WHO I AM IS NOT IMPORTANT...
...WELL, NOT AS IMPORTANT AS WHAT I AM PREPARED TO DO!
MY GOD... THAT'S BAXTER!


I INTEND TO EXTORT ONE BILLION DOLLARS FROM THE MAJOR BUSINESSES OF NEW YORK CITY!
HOW DO I INTEND TO DO THIS, YOU SAY?
SIMPLE! BY SYSTEMATICALLY HOLDING HOSTAGE EVERY CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING IN THIS CITY!
IF I AM NOT PAID THE RANSOM I SET FOR EACH BUILDING I PICK, THEN ONE BY ONE I WILL DEMOLISH THEM! THE AIR WILL SHUDDER WITH THE SOUNDS OF TORTURED, TWISTED STEEL, SHATTERING GLASS, AND EXPLODING STONE!

NOW JUST TO SHOW THAT I AM NOT JESTING... AND TO SHOW THAT I'M NOT A CHEAP KIND OF GUY... I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU A FREEBIE!
I HAVE IN MY HAND A SMALL MODEL OF THE RETXAB BUILDING...
...ITS REAL LIFE COUNTERPART IN DOWNTOWN MANHATTAN (VACANT EXCEPT FOR A FEW SMALL OFFICES SINCE THE PREVIOUS OWNERS VANISHED MYSTERIOUSLY) WILL CEASE TO EXIST AT 3:00 PM TODAY!

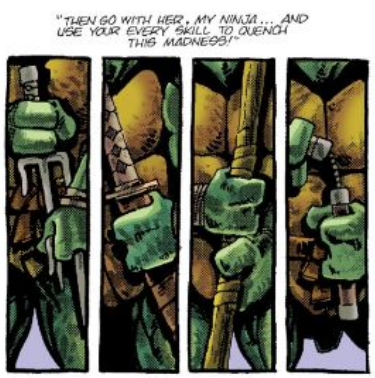
CRUNCH!
...AND TOMORROW, AT 3:00 PM...
ONE OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTER TOWERS WILL TOPPLE...
...UNLESS I AM PAID 20 MILLION DOLLARS!


THE UNIDENTIFIED TERRORIST THEN WENT ON TO DESCRIBE A COMPLEX ARRANGEMENT FOR DELIVERY OF THE RANSOM MONEY.
HOWEVER, IT HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED IF THIS THREAT IS FOR REAL OR MERELY PART OF AN ELABORATE HOAX; AS YOU CAN SEE IT IS NOW 3:03 PM AND THE RETXAB BUILDING IS STILL STANDING.

SO I GUESS THIS WILL WRAP IT... HUH?
GOOD LORD!
:CHOKE!

OH MY GOD... BAXTER... NOOO!
JOIN SPLINTER... THIS MAN IS MAD! HE MUST BE STOPPED!

:GOB:
APRIL... DO YOU THINK YOU CAN FIND YOUR WAY BACK TO BAXTER'S SECRET LAB?
I... I... THINK... ...SO...


"THEN GO WITH HER, MY NINJA... AND USE YOUR EVERY SKILL TO QUENCH THIS MADNESS!"

LATER...
MARVELOUS...!

THIS IS GREAT!
I THINK I'LL RUN THOSE TAPES AGAIN!

CREAK!

YOUR REIGN OF TERROR HAS ENDED, STOCKMAN!
EH?

W--WHAT! WHO ARE YOU?
H-HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE?

THEY CAME WITH ME, BAXTER...
...TO HELP STOP YOUR SCHEMES!

APRIL! YOU'RE STILL ALIVE!
DON'T MOVE ANOTHER INCH, BUCKO!

NO THANKS TO YOU, CREEP! YOUR MOUSERS WOULD HAVE KILLED HER IF NOT FOR US!
NOOO...
NOW, LET'S SEE... I'M SURE I CAN FIGURE OUT HOW TO SHUT THIS SYSTEM DOWN...

NO! I WON'T LET YOU RUIN MY BEAUTIFUL PLAN!
GRAK!
OW!
GET OUT OF MY WAY!
OOF!
HAH! YOU'LL NEVER STOP ME NOW!

GOT YOU!!!
ARR... TOO LATE, FREAK! HA, HA, HA, HA, HA, HA! I'VE LOCKED IN THE SELF DESTRUCT PROGRAM!
CLAK!

HA,HA,HA,HA! YOU'LL ALL DIE NOW!
SHUT UP, FOOL!
NOW THE MOUSERS WILL FOLLOW A NEW PROGRAM... THEY'LL COME BACK HERE AND WON'T STOP EATING UNTIL THEY'VE DESTROYED EVERYTHING IN THIS WHOLE ROOM... INCLUDING YOU!!! HA HA HA HA HA--!
RAPHAEL, SHUT THIS LOONEY UP!
SMAK

NICE WORK, RAPHAEL!
MY PLEASURE!

APRIL... IS WHAT STOCKMAN SAID TRUE?

IT--IT MUST BE, LEONARDO... NONE OF THESE CONTROLS ARE RESPONDING!
WE'RE IN TROUBLE!

IS THERE A WAY OUT OTHER THAN THE TUNNEL?
THE ELEVATOR!

WHAT'S IT LOOK LIKE, MICHAELANGELO?
IT'S... UNGH...! --JAMMED.

I'LL TRY THIS-- UGH!
CR-EAK!

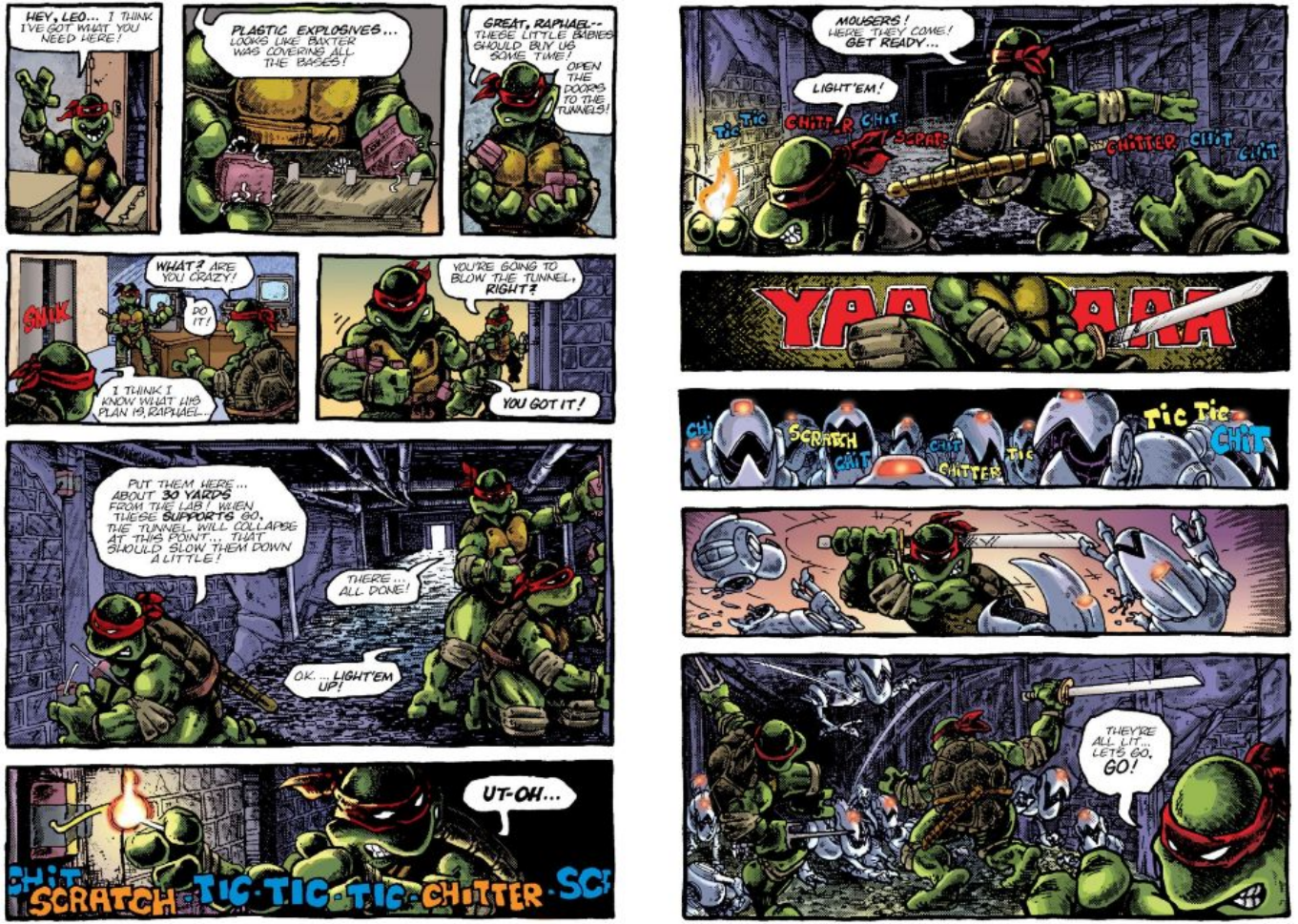
YOW!
RUMBLE!
POP

THE WHOLE SHAFT IS JAMMED WITH ROCKS! ANOTHER BIT OF STOCKMAN'S BLASTED PLAN!

OH MY GOD... WE'RE TRAPPED! THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO!!!

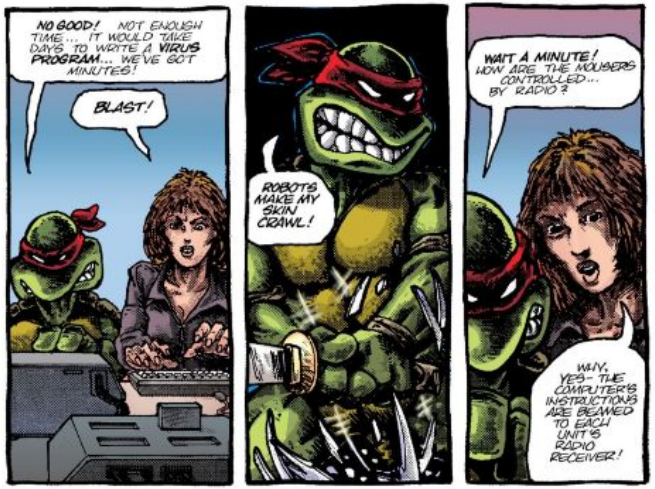
WAIT A MINUTE, APRIL! I'M FAMILIAR WITH SOME COMPUTER SYSTEMS... AND YOU HELPED PROGRAM THE MOUSERS. MAYBE WE CAN DO SOMETHING TO CANCEL THIS DESTRUCT PROGRAM!
I SUPPOSE IT'S POSSIBLE, DONATELLO..
...BUT IT WOULD TAKE TIME -- AND THOSE MOUSERS WILL BE HERE SOON!

I'VE GOT A PLAN THAT MIGHT DELAY THEM, APRIL!
IF BAXTER KEPT ANY EXPLOSIVES HERE...


HEY, LEO... I THINK I'VE GOT WHAT YOU NEED HERE!
PLASTIC EXPLOSIVES... LOOKS LIKE BAXTER WAS COVERING ALL THE BASES!
GREAT, RAPHAEL-- THESE LITTLE BABIES SHOULD BUY US SOME TIME! OPEN THE DOORS TO THE TUNNELS!
SNIK
WHAT? ARE YOU CRAZY!
DO IT!
I THINK I KNOW WHAT HIS PLAN IS, RAPHAEL...
YOU'RE GOING TO BLOW THE TUNNEL, RIGHT?
YOU GOT IT!
PUT THEM HERE... ABOUT 30 YARDS FROM THE LAB! WHEN THESE SUPPORTS GO, THE TUNNEL WILL COLLAPSE AT THIS POINT... THAT SHOULD SLOW THEM DOWN A LITTLE!
THERE... ALL DONE!
O.K. ... LIGHT 'EM UP!
UT-OH...
CHIT SCRATCH TIC TIC TIC CHITTER SC
MOUSERS! HERE THEY COME! GET READY...
LIGHT 'EM!
TIC TIC CHITTER CHIT SCRAT
CHITTER CHIT CHIT
YPA AAA
CHI SCRATCH CHIT CHIT TIC TIC TIC CHIT
THEY'RE ALL LIT... LET'S GO. GO!

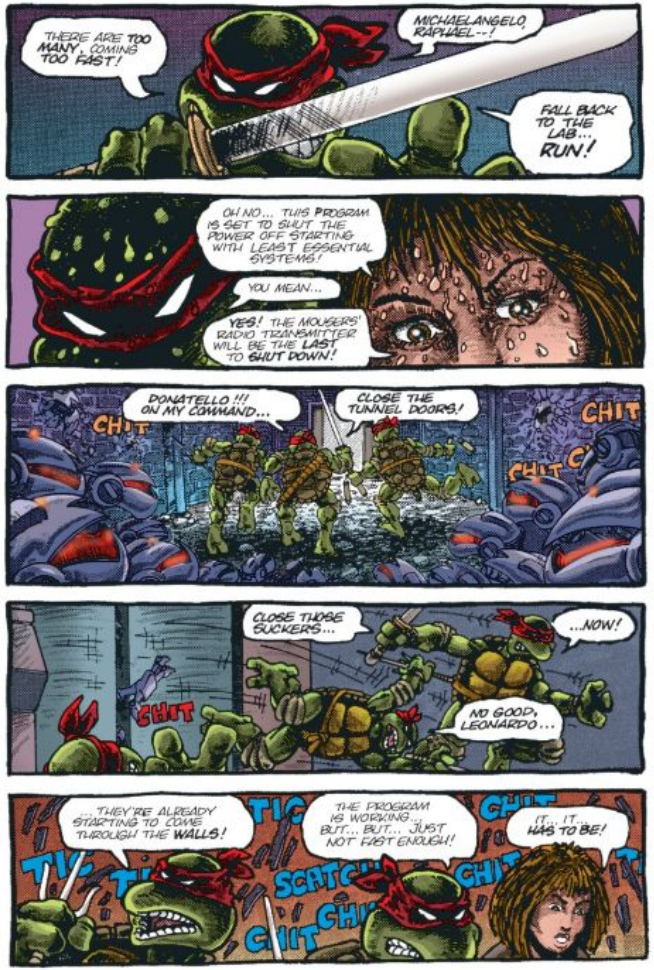
BLAM
EVERYBODY O.K.?
MUFF...
MY EARS HURT...
SEEMS LIKE WE BOUGHT OURSELVES SOME BREATHING SPACE!
I'LL CHECK TO SEE HOW APRIL AND DONATELLO ARE DOING BACK IN THE LAB!!!
COUGH! COUGH!
DAMN! THAT DIDN'T WORK!
TRY THIS..!
NOT SO GOOD!
HOW'S IT GOING?

MICHAELANGELO... COME QUICK! THEY'RE ALMOST THROUGH THE RUBBLE!
NOOO!!!
BAXTER'S SICK, BUT QUITE BRILLIANT! HIS FAIL-SAFES INCLUDED AN ELECTRICAL OVERLOAD THAT BURNED OUT A LOT OF THESE CIRCUITS...!
I KNOW-- IT'S FRUSTRATING! HOW ABOUT WHIPPING UP A QUICK "VIRUS" PROGRAM THAT WOULD "INFECT" THE SYSTEM, AND "KILL" IT!
THERE'S ONE!
I'VE GOT IT!
THERE...!
TWO MORE...!


NO GOOD! NOT ENOUGH TIME... IT WOULD TAKE DAYS TO WRITE A VIRUS PROGRAM... WE'VE GOT MINUTES!
BLAST!
ROBOTS MAKE MY SKIN CRAWL!
WAIT A MINUTE! HOW ARE THE MOUSERS CONTROLLED... BY RADIO?
WHY, YES- THE COMPUTER'S INSTRUCTIONS ARE BEAMED TO EACH UNIT'S RADIO RECEIVER!

IF WE CAN SOME HOW SHUT DOWN ALL THE POWER, THE TRANSMITTER HERE WILL STOP BROADCASTING THE COMPUTERS ORDERS TO THE MOUSERS!
ASSUMING OF COURSE THAT THE TRANSMITTER IS PART OF THIS SYSTEM!
WE'VE GOT TO TRY IT!

WAIT...! I THINK I HAVE SOMETHING HERE!
IT LOOKS LIKE AN EMERGENCY SHUT DOWN PROGRAM!
IT MIGHT WORK!


THERE ARE TOO MANY, COMING TOO FAST!
MICHAELANGELO, RAPHAEL--!
FALL BACK TO THE LAB... RUN!
OH NO... THIS PROGRAM IS SET TO SHUT THE POWER OFF STARTING WITH LEAST ESSENTIAL SYSTEMS!
YOU MEAN...
YES! THE MOUSERS' RADIO TRANSMITTER WILL BE THE LAST TO SHUT DOWN!
DONATELLO!!! ON MY COMMAND...
CLOSE THE TUNNEL DOORS!
CHIT
CLOSE THOSE SUCKERS...
...NOW!
NO GOOD, LEONARDO...
... THEY'RE ALREADY STARTING TO COME THROUGH THE WALLS!
THE PROGRAM IS WORKING... BUT... BUT... JUST NOT FAST ENOUGH!
IT... IT HAS TO BE!

TURTLES-- DIE WITH HONOR!!!
COME ON--!
GO, GO, GO--!
TIC TIC CRASH SMASH CHIT CHITTER BLANG
CHIT ZURROOUUNNNN
CHIT CHITTER CHITTER CRASH TIC TIC CHI
HAI THUMP BANG CHITTER
CRASH TIC
CHIT CHITTER TINKLE TINKLE! CHIT TIC
CHIT
SLASH THUMP THU-WACK
CHIT CHITTER
HEY...

I GUESS IT WORKED!
END